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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PREVENTION OF HAZE IN BEVERAGES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants petition for a one-month extension in the time period for response; the required fee is attached. If any other fee is required to consider this response, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140.

Applicants elect the following species: (1) the auxiliary enzyme is an endoprotease, (2) the exopeptidase is a tripeptidylpeptidase, (3) the endoprotease is an aspartic acid protease, and (4) the beverage is beer. Claims 17-22, 25-31 and 34-47 read on elected species of (1). Claims 17, 19-20, 23-33 and 35-47 read on elected species of (2). Claims 17-22, 25-31 and 34-47 read on elected species of (3). But note that the claims other than claim 18 do not require addition of an endoprotease to the exclusion of an exoprotease. Claims 17-28, 31-37 and 39-47 read on elected species of (4).

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Claim 19 is amended.

Remarks begin on page 6.